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in their car. You cannot sell regular. You cannot sell it. The lowest grade to be sold must be ethanol. Do you think these stations are going to put regular gasoline in their tanks when they cannot sell it? You go into a filling station if this bill is in place and say, I want some regular gasoline. You cannot...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...buy it. You've got to get ethanol or premium. That's what this bill does. And I don't care how they do the Fred Astaire and tap-dance around it and try to change the meaning of words and misrepresent what this bill does. The bill clearly, in its language, tells us what it does, and I want to delay that on the chance the bill may be enacted. But I expect by the time we get through people are going to realize this is not a bill to invest that much time in. Nevertheless, I must bludgeon awhile longer. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to this amendment also and I want to make sure we understand this is not a bill to get rid of 87 octane, "nonethanol" gas. As I stated before, you can run different products through pipelines. We had testimony to that extent in the Natural Resources Committee. You can run up 87 octane up and that can be your base for your premium gasoline also, and I think that that will happen; that we're apt to have two grades of 87 octane. We'll have an 85 base gas come in and an 87 base gas coming in. In some markets you'll have a premium with ethanol and a 87 octane without ethanol and a 87 octane with ethanol. This really I do not think will limit choices. It could limit the mid-grade gasoline in some areas if there's not a demand for it, but if there's a demand for it then retailers will supply that. Right not, because of price differential, we're not selling as much ethanol-blended gasoline in Nebraska